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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Upon entry of this amendment, the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the pending application.

Please cancel claims 1-8 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend the pending claims as follows:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A door opener for opening and closing an outwardly swinging door mounted for pivotal movement with substantially vertically aligned hinges disposed on one side of the outwardly swinging door such that the door swings outwardly to reveal an opening and swings inwardly to block the opening, the door opener comprising:

a track disposed to extend inwardly in a direction substantially opposite from the outward direction of swing of the outwardly swinging door;

a trolley slidably coupled with the track, such that the trolley can move along the track directionally generally toward the outwardly swinging door and away from the outwardly swinging door;

at least one push bar having a first end and second end, the push bar configured for pivotal coupling with the trolley at the first end and with the outwardly swinging door at the second end, the at least one push bar additionally having a slip joint coupled with an extension spring for automatically adjusting a length of the at least one push bar during operation of the door opener;

wherein movement of the trolley along the track in a <u>first</u> direction toward the outwardly swinging door causes the push bar to push <u>on</u> the outwardly swinging door outwardly away from the trolley to reveal the opening while the push bar pivots forming an angle with the track increasing in magnitude; and

wherein movement of the trolley along the track in a <u>second</u> direction <u>opposite the first</u> <u>direction away from the outwardly swinging door</u> causes the push bar to pull <u>on</u> the outwardly swinging door inwardly toward the trolley to conceal the opening while the push bar pivots forming an angle with the track decreasing in magnitude.

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10. (Previously Presented) The door opener of claim 9, further comprising a drive mechanism for moving the trolley along the track.

- 11. (Previously Presented) The door opener of claim 10, wherein the drive mechanism comprises at least one of a screw drive and a chain drive.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The door opener of claim 10, further comprising a motor for powering the drive mechanism.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The door opener of claim 9, wherein the trolley comprises a first trolley mechanism and a second trolley mechanism, the first trolley mechanism coupled with the second trolley mechanism.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The door opener of claim 9, wherein the at least one push bar further comprises at least one adjustment mechanism for adjusting the length of the at least one push bar.

## 15. (Canceled)

- 16. (Previously Presented) The door opener of claim 9, wherein the at least one slip joint coupled with a spring enables lengthening of the at least one push bar while the at least one push bar maintains a pulling force on the door when the trolley moves in the direction away from the outwardly swinging door.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The door opener of claim 9, further comprising a stabilizer bar for supporting the at least one push bar.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The door opener of claim 9, wherein the at least one push bar comprises a first push bar and a second push bar, the first push bar and the second push bar being disposed on opposing sides of the track.

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19. (Previously Presented) The door opener of claim 18, wherein the door opener is configured to open the outwardly swinging door and a second outwardly swinging door proximally disposed relative to the outwardly swinging door substantially simultaneously.

20. (Canceled)